

CHAPTER 6

CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

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6.1 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SUMMARY

6.1.1 Public Scoping Period and Meetings

Prior to initiation of formal scoping, as a part of routine contacts, the BLM introduced the proposed Project to the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes and the Idaho Roadless Council on February 20 and March 4, 2013, respectively.

The public was provided a 30-day scoping period at the beginning of the EIS process to identify potential issues and concerns associated with the Proposed Action. The NOI for the EIS was published in the Federal Register on June 24, 2013. A copy of the NOI is included in the Public Scoping Summary Report, Smoky Canyon Mine, Panels F and G Mine Modification Project (JBR 2013a). A legal notice was published in local newspapers as follows:

Star Valley Independent	Afton, Wyoming	June 26, 2013
Idaho State Journal	Pocatello, Idaho	June 27, 2013

A news release was submitted to 28 television stations, radio stations, and newspapers on June 24, 2013. The public mailing list was compiled and letters were sent to 81 interested individuals, agencies, and groups. Native American Consultation was also initiated during the scoping period, with a scoping letter sent certified mail to the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes on June 24, 2013.

Three open house-style public meetings were held as scheduled:

Wednesday, July 10, 2013	Afton Civic Center, Afton, Wyoming
Thursday, July 11, 2013	BLM Pocatello Field Office, Pocatello, Idaho
Friday, July 12, 2013	Shoshone-Bannock Hotel Event Center, Fort Hall, Idaho

The open house meetings provided a Project description, maps of the Project, and a forum for exchange of information and ideas or concerns related to the Project. Comment forms were available at the meetings. Agency, Project proponent, and consultant representatives were present including: Diane Wheeler representing the USFS and BLM, Jeff Cundick of the BLM; and Brian Buck and Greg Brown of JBR Environmental Consultants. Diane Wheeler, Brian Buck, and Greg Brown attended all three meetings. Lori Hamann of Simplot attended the Afton and Pocatello meetings; Dennis Facer of Simplot attended the Pocatello meeting, and Ron Hager, Dustin Hansen, Scott Lusty, and Grant Williams of Simplot attended the Afton meeting.

Scoping information was also provided on the BLM Land Use Planning and NEPA Register at https://www.blm.gov/epl-font-office/eplanning/nepa/nepa_register.do. Information was included on the CTNF Current and Recent Projects website at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/ctnf/landmanagement/projects> and included in the FS Schedule of Proposed Actions for the CTNF.

Comments were requested to be received on or before July 26, 2013. Six comment letters, one telephone call, and one comment sheet were received by that date for the Project. Copies of all letters and forms are included in the Scoping Summary Report (JBR 2013a).

Comments received in response to solicitations, including names and addresses of those who commented, are considered part of the public record on this Proposed Action and are available for public inspection. The mailing list for the Project was revised to add those persons who provided comments in response to scoping, requested to be on the mailing list, or signed a scoping meeting list.

6.1.2 EIS Mailing List

An EIS mailing list of interested persons was assembled from mailing lists maintained at the BLM Pocatello Field Office, USFS CTNF office, and the mailing list from the 2007 FEIS project. This list was supplemented by addresses of scoping participants, and other parties who contacted the Agencies. All parties and agencies on the mailing list were sent a postcard requesting that they complete and return the card indicating their preference for receiving a copy of the EIS and/or remaining on the mailing list. The mailing list for the EIS was adjusted accordingly.

6.1.3 Distribution of DEIS

A 45-day DEIS review period was initiated by publication of the BLM and USFS, and EPA Notices of Availability (NOA) for the DEIS in the Federal Register on May 30, 2014.

The DEIS was distributed as follows:

- An NOA was published in the Federal Register specifying dates for the comment period and the date, time, and location of the public comment meetings.
- A news release was provided by the Agencies at the beginning of the 45-day comment period on the DEIS. Legal notices and news releases were submitted to the same news organizations as for the initial public scoping announcement.
- The DEIS was distributed to interested parties identified in the updated EIS mailing list, as previously described, and made available via the BLM and CTNF websites.

Three open house public meetings were held to obtain comments on the DEIS and to answer questions that the public had regarding the Project or the EIS process:

Monday, June 16, 2014	Afton Civic Center, Afton, Wyoming
Tuesday, June 17, 2014	Shoshone-Bannock Tribal Business Center, Fort Hall, Idaho
Wednesday, June 18, 2014	BLM Pocatello Field Office, Pocatello, Idaho

Letters and oral comments received by the Agencies on the DEIS (contained in **Chapter 7**) were reviewed and evaluated by the Agencies to determine if information provided in the comments required a formal response or contained new data that identified deficiencies in the EIS. Any identified deficiencies were addressed and the Final EIS revised accordingly.

6.1.4 Final EIS Distribution

The Final EIS distribution was completed with consideration given to comments received on the DEIS. A 30-day Final EIS BLM review period was initiated by publication of the NOA for the Final EIS in the Federal Register. The Final EIS was released as follows:

- The NOA was published in the Federal Register.
- Copies of the Final EIS were sent to requestors on the updated mailing list and made available via the BLM and CTNF websites.

Legal notices and news releases were issued to the same media sources used for previous Project announcements.

6.1.5 Record of Decision

The USFS released a draft ROD for the SUAs and has a 45-day objection period for the draft ROD. The USFS will make recommendations to the BLM for the overall Project during that review period. The BLM ROD and final USFS ROD are distributed to people and organizations identified in the updated EIS mailing list at the same time, and a NOA for the BLM ROD will be published in the Federal Register.

6.2 CONSULTATION WITH OTHERS

The following state and federal agencies were consulted during preparation of the EIS:

- Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
- Idaho Department of Fish and Game
- Idaho Department of Lands
- Idaho Department of Water Resources
- Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

The following Tribes were consulted:

- The Fort Hall Business Council of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes

6.2.1 Consultation with Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

The BLM and USFS requested that the IDEQ be a cooperating agency for this Project. IDEQ accepted this status and the BLM and USFS coordinated with the IDEQ during the preparation of the EIS and in reviewing the information in the document.

6.3 LIST OF PREPARERS AND REVIEWERS

The BLM is the lead agency for this EIS, the USFS is a joint lead agency, and the IDEQ is a cooperating agency. A list of Agency interdisciplinary team members is provided in **Table 6.3-1**. Stantec, formerly JBR, is the third party contractor selected to prepare the EIS on behalf of the Agencies. A list of Stantec, formerly JBR staff and their role in the EIS is provided in **Table 6.3-2**.

Table 6.3-1 Agency Interdisciplinary Team Members/Specialists

RESOURCE	AGENCY	TEAM MEMBER/SPECIALIST
Project Lead, Geology	USFS	Diane Wheeler
Minerals Branch Chief	BLM	Jeff Cundick
Archaeology	USFS	Ali Abusaidi
Botany	USFS	Rose Lehman
District Ranger, Montpelier	USFS	Dennis Duehren
District Ranger, Soda Springs	USFS	Jack Isaacs
Engineering	USFS	Tom Brown
Forest Planning	USFS	Doug Herzog
Geohydrology/Geochemistry	USFS	Mary Kauffman
Hydrology	USFS	Louis Wasniewski
Range	USFS	Jane Rushane/Garth Nelson
Recreation	USFS	Glen Lackey
Inventoried Roadless Areas	USFS	Robert Mickelsen
Soils	USFS	Kara Green
Timber	USFS	Wayne Beck
Wildlife/Fisheries	USFS	Devon Green
Senior Regional Engineer	IDEQ	Wayne Crowther

Table 6.3-2 Third Party Contractor – Stantec Consultants, formerly JBR

ROLE/RESOURCE	STAFF	EXPERIENCE
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<u>Project Manager</u> Soils, Vegetation, Wetlands, Fisheries and Aquatics	Greg Brown Salt Lake City, Utah	BS Natural Resource Management 20 Years Experience
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Wildlife Resources, including BA/BE and baseline studies/report	Laura Arneson Salt Lake City, Utah	MS Biology BS Biology 12 Years Experience
	Eric Holt St. George, Utah	MS Wildlife Management BS Wildlife Resources 24 Years Experience
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Cultural Resource Baseline Inventory Report	Sagebrush Consultants (Subcontractor) Ogden, Utah	
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GIS/Drafter	Connie Pixton Salt Lake City, Utah	40 Years Experience

6.4 MAILING LIST

The Project mailing list is divided into federal agencies, state agencies, and others. This list was compiled through agency maintained lists, the previous Simplot Smoky Canyon Mine Project Panels F and G mailing list, and the scoping process.

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